

Hartman, J. Crawford

1930

[ANS Asst. Librarian]

(candidate)

357 Ninth Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
April 8, 1930.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Noe:

Pursuant to our conversation of April 8, 1930, relative to the position of Assistant Librarian at the American Numismatic Society, at a salary of \$1500 per annum, I herewith apply for same effective May 1, 1930.

Should my application be acted upon favorably, may I ask that the above-mentioned date be subject to change, should conditions warrant remaining in my present position for a slightly longer time?

Very truly yours,

J. Crawford Hartman
J. Crawford Hartman.

April 10th 1930

Mr. J. Crawford Hartman
357 Ninth Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Your letter of the 9th is at hand and the entire matter will come before the Council at its meeting on Friday. I feel confident their action will be affirmative,--if you care to call me Saturday by telephone I can then inform you of their decision. The suggestion is, of course, due to the fact that I have not your telephone and consequently cannot call you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

April 12, 1930

Mr. J. Crawford Hartman
358 Ninth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Lest you should not get me by telephone to-day as I suggested in my note of Thursday, I am writing to say that the Council appointed you Library Assistant at its meeting yesterday, and authorized me to say in addition if your work proves satisfactory, as I gave them to understand I believed it would be, that your salary at the beginning of next year would be made \$1,800 per year. If you learn that it is going to be necessary for you to remain in your present position after May 1st, please inform me to that effect as soon as you are aware of that condition. Otherwise we shall expect you here on that date or not later than the 5th if for any reason it proves desirable for you to fill out the week. If you care to come here in the meantime I shall be glad to welcome you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Masonic Hall
New York

April 27, 1930.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

In consonance with your letter of April 12, 1930 and subsequent telephone conversation, relative to any change in the relationships as agreed therein, allow me to state that conditions in regard to my present work have so changed that my superiors have invited me to stay on here permanently.

It was six o'clock last evening that I received final notification as to my status here and after considering the situation from all viewpoints, I have concluded that it would be best if I remained here. The facts leading to this decision are herewith appended:

The Librarian, absent for a month because of illness, returned last Monday. I immediately spoke to him, telling him of my future plans and that I hoped that work could be finished here by April 30th. He replied that due to continued ill health he, himself, was resigning within a month and that changes in the personnel as a result rendered it imperative that some one be on the staff who knew the library, and that I was the logical choice. The consent of the Board of Directors was necessary to confirm his decision and that was obtained at the above-mentioned time.

My problem was this: To choose between two positions, each of which were stimulating, offered opportunities for advancement, and

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offered working conditions that were almost ideal. Obviously, I could not fill both, and, waiving monetary considerations, I realize that it would be more difficult for my present employers to obtain a competent successor in my place, than for you to obtain an eligible for the position at your institution.

It is with deep regret that I have come to this decision due, as I have tried to explain, to circumstances beyond my control. I had anticipated working with you, with pleasure, and am very grateful for the consideration you have shown me during the negotiations.

Should you care to have me assist you in securing another candidate for your position, or to further elucidate the reasons for my decision, you can reach me by telephoning Gramercy 4865.

Sincerely yours,

J. Crawford Hartman
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April 28th 1930

Mr. J. Crawford Hartman
357 Ninth Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Your letter of April 27th is at hand,--I find it rather surprising. In view of my specific request that you should not apply for a position with us unless you were prepared to come if your application was accepted, it seems rather strange to have you write that circumstances beyond your control now prevent your fulfilling this commitment. Although you do not expressly say so, I gather that the position of librarian to which you look forward, will afford greater compensation than our library did. Naturally we should not wish to stand in the way of your personal advancement, but unless your personal interests were affected, I cannot understand how you would consider yourself open to the offer from your present employers, nor why we should be penalized for their dilatoriness.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

357 Ninth Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
May 3, 1930.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe,

With further reference to my letter of April 27th, and after again considering all the factors involved as to salary and future opportunities, I find it best for me to remain in my present position.

Regretting the inconvenience my decision may have caused you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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